

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 790  
By Cohen

A RESOLUTION to honor Dee Duncan for her service as a state intern for the Senate State and Local Government Committee and chairman Senator Steve Cohen.

WHEREAS, Dee Duncan, a senior at Union University, successfully traversed the state intern gauntlet and was rewarded with an internship and placement with the Senate State and Local Government Committee, which traditionally handles the largest number of bills in the Senate; and

WHEREAS, Dee Duncan added intelligence, wit, and poise to Suite 8 of the Legislative Plaza and impressed the members of the State and Local Government Committee with her outstanding work and cheerful demeanor; and

WHEREAS, following the “terrifying” intern orientation which has been known to compel interns to request not to be placed with the Senate State and Local Government Committee, Dee proceeded, without trepidation, to find that Marilyn is a pushover; and

WHEREAS, Dee’s dedication and hard work have been instrumental to the good and timely work of the Senate State and Local Government Committee and she has epitomized true calm during the many storms of the Legislative Session which have been known to push less calm persons (such as research analysts) to the brink; and

WHEREAS, Among the expected and “normal” storms associated with the Legislature, Dee was also the Paul Revere of the Tornado which hit the capitol on April 16, observing the

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approach of the Tornado, along with Marilyn, from their perch in the Legislative Library on the top floor of the state capitol; and

WHEREAS, Dee displayed her courage by using her body to shield two young children from the wind which propelled glass and debris through the hall, leaving Dee with cuts, bruises and a great story; and

WHEREAS, Dee has truly been in her element in the legislative process, eager to take on any assignment and excelling at every task: research, summary writing, and never-ending copying, to name just a few; and

WHEREAS, Dee has been plunged into the political fray by Senators Cohen, Haun and Cooper, and although she has been unable to deliver a single lottery vote, she has the pledges of Senator Elsea and Senator Person to pay for her college education; and

WHEREAS, her internship has certainly been a period of growth for Dee (which, without diet and exercise, she may have with her always) wherein she has learned that the legislature is the antithesis to a health spa: no exercise, lots of fatty food, no sunlight, cigars, cigarettes, alcohol, and stress; and

WHEREAS, although Dee has made many friends during her internship, her chief co-conspirator has been Beecher Frazier, who refused to work in the same office with her but made up for the slight by treating the Suite 8 chapter of Weight Watchers to his wife Becky's cheesecake; and

WHEREAS, Dee has honed her maternal instincts by worrying about and chastising her office mate and friend, Tim Novak, who will not be deterred in his sweet and idiosyncratic tendencies; and

WHEREAS, Dee's work has been greatly appreciated not only by Senator Cohen but by Carolyn Tomlin and Marilyn Dillihay, who know she will succeed brilliantly at whatever endeavors she undertakes; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRETH GENERAL  
ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
CONCURRING, That we commend Dee Duncan on her outstanding work for the Senate State  
and Local Government Committee and Senator Cohen and wish her great success in all future  
endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared  
for presentation to Dee Duncan with this final clause omitted from such copy.